



Family Self-Sufficiency Program Newsletter

It's a New Year 2017! We hope your holiday season was wonderful and this year brings great things for you and your family. With the new year comes opportunity for growth. This newsletter is filled with information that you may find helpful with the tax season upon us and pursuing your goals.



Would you like to do your own taxes?

You have the option of doing your own taxes similar to Turbo Tax through the VITA program from **www.myfreetaxes.com**.

Myfreetaxes.com is a national partnership headed by United Way and utilizes H&R Block tax software. You simply create free account to do your return, answer simple questions and enter your tax data like W2 information to complete the return via e-file. Unlike other online options that charge for your state tax return, myfreetaxes.com files your state taxes for free as well.

Please visit the program website for full program website for full program information and to file at **www.myfreetaxes.com**

Tax Season is Here!

The Hawaii VITA & Financial Empowerment Program is able to link you up to free tax help. VITA is a program of the IRS and stands for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). IRS certified volunteers assist the community through VITA to file both federal and state taxes to eligible families and individuals for FREE.

Please visit the program website for full information at **www.hawaiiitaxhelp.org**. **See attached flyer for locations on Kaua'i for Free Tax preparation.**

Preschool Open Doors Accepting Applications

Preschool Open Doors (POD) promotes school readiness by providing child care subsidies to eligible families for the year prior to kindergarten. The Department of Human Services (DHS) contracts with PATCH to run the program.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has announced they will be accepting applications for the Preschool Open Doors (POD) starting January 23 through March 31, 2017.

Application received in this period are for consideration for the POD program year from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Applications will be accepted for children born August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013.

Go to **<http://patchhawaii.org/programs/preschool-open-doors/>** for full program information.
Call 1-800-746-5620 for an application.



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Homeownership Education Class Schedule

For those of you who have the FSS goal to complete a homeownership education class. Hawaiian Community Assets has released their 2017 free class schedule. These are some dates for the upcoming workshops. Contact HCA for the October - December workshop dates.

Kauai County, Pi'ikoi Building

4444 Rice Street, Room A,

Lihue, HI 96766

Saturday 8-hour all day

Workshop

(8:30AM-5:30PM)

February 04, 2017

March 11, 2017

April 01, 2017

May 06, 2017

June 03, 2017

July 15, 2017

August 12, 2017

September 09, 2017

Hawaiian Community Assets Office

4523 I'oane Road, Anahola,

Kauai, HI 96703

Saturday 8-hour all day

Workshop

(8:30AM-5:30PM)

April 22, 2017

May 20, 2017

June 24, 2017

July 29, 2017

August 26, 2017

September 23, 2017

Register and confirm a seat, please contact
Kaleio Caminos, Program Coordinator,
and call 808-632-2070. Reservations are required.

Congrats to FSS Graduates!

This quarter we congratulate two of our FSS participants who successfully graduated from the program as well as achieving their escrow account payouts last quarter:

S.S. - In a 1.5 yr. this single parent of 3 children completed her BA degree and became self-sufficient. She graduated with \$861.78 and will be using with everyday expenses.

R.K. - \$44,694.64 a single parent of two children. The graduate will be using the money to purchase a home.

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Money Saving Challenge

The new year has come upon us and this is a money saving challenge that may be a opportunity for you to begin saving for 2017. Each week save the amount in dollars. In 52 weeks you will be able to save a total of \$1,378.00. Good luck!

WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	DONE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	DONE
1	\$1.00	\$1.00		27	\$27.00	\$378.00	
2	\$2.00	\$3.00		28	\$28.00	\$406.00	
3	\$3.00	\$6.00		29	\$29.00	\$435.00	
4	\$4.00	\$10.00		30	\$30.00	\$465.00	
5	\$5.00	\$15.00		31	\$31.00	\$496.00	
6	\$6.00	\$21.00		32	\$32.00	\$528.00	
7	\$7.00	\$28.00		33	\$33.00	\$561.00	
8	\$8.00	\$36.00		34	\$34.00	\$595.00	
9	\$9.00	\$45.00		35	\$35.00	\$630.00	
10	\$10.00	\$55.00		36	\$36.00	\$666.00	
11	\$11.00	\$66.00		37	\$37.00	\$703.00	
12	\$12.00	\$78.00		38	\$38.00	\$741.00	
13	\$13.00	\$91.00		39	\$39.00	\$780.00	
14	\$14.00	\$105.00		40	\$40.00	\$820.00	
15	\$15.00	\$120.00		41	\$41.00	\$861.00	
16	\$16.00	\$136.00		42	\$42.00	\$903.00	
17	\$17.00	\$153.00		43	\$43.00	\$946.00	
18	\$18.00	\$171.00		44	\$44.00	\$990.00	
19	\$19.00	\$190.00		45	\$45.00	\$1035.00	
20	\$20.00	\$210.00		46	\$46.00	\$1081.00	
21	\$21.00	\$231.00		47	\$47.00	\$1128.00	
22	\$22.00	\$253.00		48	\$48.00	\$1176.00	
23	\$23.00	\$276.00		49	\$49.00	\$1125.00	
24	\$24.00	\$300.00		50	\$50.00	\$1275.00	
25	\$25.00	\$325.00		51	\$51.00	\$1326.00	
26	\$26.00	\$351.00		52	\$52.00	\$1378.00	



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